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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 3,500 IN MARCH TO 441,100

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island rose substantially in March, with gains occurring in both the Manufacturing and Nonmanufacturing sectors, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 441,100 in March. This represents a monthly gain of 3,500 jobs and is 8,600 greater than the March 1986 level of 432,500.

MANUFACTURING

Overall manufacturing employment in Rhode Island rose by 1,000 from February to March. Moreover, the current figure of 120,200 is 1,400 more than the year earlier level of 118,800. In the Durable Goods category, the March employment total of 82,500 was up 700 from the previous month and increased by 1,100 jobs compared to a year ago. Payrolls in the Nondurable Goods producing industries advanced by 300 on both a monthly and annual basis to the current level of 37,700.

Within the Durable Goods category, the largest monthly job gain was recorded in Jewelry-Silverware (+300), followed by upturns of 100 each in Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. Employment in the remaining Durable Goods industries was unchanged for the month. On an annual comparison, the most

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS!

HIRE MORE WORKERS – PAY LESS TAXES

Rhode Island employers in the private sector are again eligible for income tax credits when they hire workers from select targeted groups.

The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program (TJTC) is a cost-effective method of increasing private sector employment opportunities for certain workers while offering tax-paying business and industry direct financial incentives to make more and better jobs available and to retain those workers in the critical first year of employment.

The tax credit amounts to 40 percent of the first-year wages paid to eligible workers, up to $2,400 per worker. All you need do to qualify is retain the worker for at least 90 days or 120 hours of paid employment. There are nine groups of targeted workers — persons who normally have difficulty finding and holding a job.

TJTC is unique in its lack of "red tape" — the employer signs a simple declaration form. The R.I. Job Service determines worker eligibility.

For more information about the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program contact any office of the R.I. Job Service — they're listed on page 2 of this Bulletin — or call 277-3724.

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AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages and taxes for the quarter ending March 31, 1987, must be filed by April 30, 1987, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R.I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road
Middletown, ...847-3680
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Project STEADY. 277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
Total Placements	746	780	1,141
New Applications	2,739	2,171	3,118
New Openings Rec'd.	2,551	1,544	2,557

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	% Change Feb. 1987
Initial Claims	6,961	7,745	- 10.1
No. of Payments	65,393	59,623	+ 9.7
Amt. of Payments	$ 9,094,921	$ 8,174,643	+ 11.3
Exhaustions	1,186	935	+ 26.8

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
Initial Claims	3,843	3,490	3,618
No. of Payments	29,377	23,801	23,113
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,504,266	$ 3,651,452	$ 3,019,550

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	506.0	504.9	502.5
Unemployment	21.9	23.6	23.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.3	4.7	4.8
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.9	4.0	4.3

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	329.9	330.1	326.6
Unemployment	14.8	14.1	16.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.5	4.3	4.9

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	163.3	164.4	164.0
Unemployment	9.0	9.0	9.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.5	5.5	5.8

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	33,590	33,575	32,940
Unemployment	1,425	1,365	1,480
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.2	4.1	4.5

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FEBURARY 16-20, 1987

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	17,204	100.0
Men	10,275	59.7
Under 45	7,303	71.1
45 and over	2,972	28.9
Women	6,929	40.3
Under 45	4,241	61.2
45 and Over	2,688	38.8
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	3,151	18.3
Manufactruing	5,779	33.6
Public Utilities	1,046	6.1
Wholesale and Retail	2,046	11.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	433	2.5
Service	2,240	13.0
All Other	2,509	14.6
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,150	6.7
Clerical and Sales	2,240	13.0
Service	1,613	9.4
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	911	5.3
Processing	702	4.1
Machine Trades	2,046	11.9
Bench Work	2,375	13.8
Structural Work	3,480	20.2
Miscellaneous	1,762	10.2
INA	925	5.4

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	441.1	437.6	432.5	+ 3500	+ 8600
MANUFACTURING	120.2	119.2	118.8	+ 1000	+ 1400
NONMANUFACTURING	320.9	318.4	313.7	+ 2500	+ 7200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	15.8	15.4	14.5	+ 400	+ 1300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.6	14.6	14.0	-	+ 600
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	96.9	96.3	94.7	+ 600	+ 2200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.1	25.0	24.5	+ 100	+ 600
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	109.8	108.6	107.1	+ 1200	+ 2700
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.7	58.5	58.9	+ 200	- 200

1987 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1986 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Mar. 1986
ALL MANUFACTURING	120.2	119.2	118.8	+1000	+1400	$ 333.34	$316.68	40.8	40.6	$ 8.17	$ 7.80
DURABLE GOODS	82.5	81.8	81.4	+ 700	+1100	329.25	318.24	40.9	40.8	8.05	7.80
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.2	3.2	3.1	-	+ 100	385.63	374.95	41.2	40.8	9.36	9.19
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.7	1.6	-	+ 100	410.64	379.27	40.9	39.1	10.04	9.70
PRIMARY METALS	5.6	5.5	5.7	+ 100	- 100	389.90	394.20	43.0	43.8	9.30	9.00
FABRICATED METALS	9.9	9.8	9.6	+ 100	+ 300	301.20	285.22	40.0	40.4	7.53	7.06
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.9*	5.8*	5.8*	+ 100	+ 100	439.50	427.50	43.3	44.3	10.15	9.65
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.2	12.2	12.2	-	-	306.32	307.42	40.2	41.6	7.62	7.39
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.4	9.4	9.3	-	+ 100	421.54	417.18	40.3	40.7	10.46	10.25
INSTRUMENTS	5.0*	5.0*	5.0*	-	-	331.52	307.16	41.7	40.9	7.95	7.51
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	24.0	23 7	23.6	+ 300	+ 400	257.68	252.63	40.2	40.1	6.41	6.30
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.6	5.5	5.5	+ 100	+ 100	245.70	242.51	35.2	35.3	6.98	6.87
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.7	37.4	37.4	+ 300	+ 300	334.06	314.34	40.2	40.3	8.31	7.80
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.3	3.3	3.2	-	+ 100	281.56	254.25	38.1	37.5	7.39	6.78
TEXTILES	10.4	10.3	10.5	+ 100	- 100	302.33	300.42	40.8	41.9	7.41	7.17
APPAREL	3.1	3.0	3.1	+ 100	-	287.05	276.12	42.4	41.9	6.77	6.59
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.4	-	-	295.10	297.88	41.1	41.2	7.18	7.23
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.7	6.7	6.5	-	+ 200	414.77	406.60	37.4	38.0	11.09	10.70
CHEMICAL PROD JCTS	3.2	3.1	3.1	+ 100	+ 100	418.99	403.61	40.6	40.2	10.32	10.04
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.2	1.3	1.2	- 100		345.27	319.06	41.8	40.8	8.26	7.82
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.1	5.1	-	-	337.01	308.77	40.8	40.1	8.26	7.70
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.2	2.3	+ 100	.-	240.78	214.95	40.4	38.8	5.96	5.54

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substantial payroll increases occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (+400) and Fabricated Metals (+300). Also up from their year ago job levels were Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass, Nonelectrical Machinery, Transportation Equipment and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing category (+100 each). For the twelve month period, the sole employment decrease was posted in Primary Metals (-100), while the remaining segments showed no annual change.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, a monthly increase of 100 jobs each was reported in Textiles, Apparel, Chemical Products and Leather Products. In contrast, payrolls in Rubber Products declined 100 from the prior month. Employment in the four remaining Nondurable Goods categories was unchanged from February to March. Compared to a year ago, an upturn of 200 jobs was registered in Printing-Publishing, followed by gains of 100 each in Food-Beverage and Chemical Products. The only employment decrease from a year ago was recorded in Textiles (-100), while the remaining Nondurable Goods industries stayed at their March 1986 levels.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total Employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector rose by 2,500 in the February-March period, primarily the result of hiring in Services, Trade and Contract Construction. The current Nonmanufacturing figure of 320,900 is also 7,200 above the year ago level of 313,700.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the most sizable monthly increase (+1,200) occurred in the Services category. At 109,800, this industry was up 2,700 from the previous March. Employment in Wholesale and Retail Trade increased by 600 to the current level of 96,900, which was 2,200 greater than the year earlier figure. Contract Construction payrolls, at 15,800, reflected a monthly gain of 400, while overall Government employment, at 58,700 recorded an increase of 200 for the same time period. Compared to a year ago, the former was up 1,300 and the latter decreased by 200 jobs. As a result of a monthly upturn of 100, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate employment rose to 25,100, representing an increase of 600 from the same month a year ago. Although payrolls in Transportation and Public Utilities remained stable from February to March, the current job total of 14,600 reflects an increase of 600 from the March 1986 figure.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 2 cents to $8.17 in mid-March; this represents a gain of 37 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week increased by 0.2 of an hour in March to 40.8 hours, which was also 0.2 of an hour more than the March 1986 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in March amounted to $333.34, representing an increase of $2.45 from last month and $16.66 from March of last year.

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